Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016
2:30 – 4:00 P.M.
The Children’s Center at Burke Gilman Gardens
5251 Sand Point Way
Seattle, WA 98105

Participants:
Jennifer Kelty, Director of the Children’s Center
Karleen Wolfe, Education Faculty Seattle Central College
Leslie Keller, Shoreline Parent-Child Center Director
Luckisha Phillips, YWCA Program Manager
Betty Peace-Gladstone, Education Faculty
Amy Kinsel, Dean of Social Sciences and Library

Approval of Minutes—approved the minutes from the Dec 2, 2015 meeting.

Update on Program Changes

• Phase-in of stackable certificates: The state stackable certificates have now been developed, approved through curriculum committee and adopted by our program. We offered the first class in the spring of 2016, and will be offering all of the courses at some point during the year for the certificates and the Infant/Toddler specialization.

• Phase-out of old program: Adoption of the stackable certificates requires a phase-out of our “old” certificates and modifications to the courses required for our AAAS degrees. The courses that will no longer be offered under the new program are being offered this year to support program completion for those students who are nearing meeting the graduation requirements this year. After spring of 2018 the planning guides for the “old” certificates and AAAS degrees will no longer be active.

• Early Achievers Grant: Shoreline has been awarded the Early Achievers Grant to fund scholarships/grants for tuition and fees for an equivalent of 4 FTEs (180 credits) for students who are eligible (family home providers, Wa Scholars who are losing their grants and students who are employed at an Early Achievers Center). A grant coordinator has been hired (Esther Pineiro-Hall) and our first scholarships have been awarded for fall quarter. We will need to hire a new grant coordinator, as Esther was able to work for only a temporary period of time. Betty is supporting the hiring and transition process for a new grant coordinator, expected to take place in December. This is a year-to-year grant, depending upon state funding.

Discussion Regarding Content for 2 New Classes: Environments and Observation/Assessment

Committee members provided a number of valuable suggestions regarding content for both of these classes which are under development and will be offered spring quarter, 2017.
Expand Committee Membership?
Our Committee does not have a member who is providing direct services to children, such as a classroom teacher, home care provider, paraeducator, etc. Leslie Keller proposed that one of the teachers at the Parent Child Center on campus might be interested; she will talk with that person about it and get back to Betty with the response.

Open Discussion on Updates from the Field
There was a general discussion of news in the early childhood community, including:

- the launch of several new BSAs (technical baccalaureate degrees) in Early Childhood and Child and Family Studies in the Seattle Community College district, Pierce and Edmonds colleges
- the continuing impact of the minimum wage increase on early childhood programs in the city of Seattle and surrounding areas
- the reorganization of early childhood programs in the Shoreline School District to be co-located and administered at the Meridian Park Elementary school and adjacent early learning center – this includes Head Start, ECEAP, Early Childhood special education and child care.

Minutes submitted by Betty Peace-Gladstone